

SALPA DEMOCRATICA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus liberum, gelatinosum, utroque apice aperto, intus vacuum; intestino obliquo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3129.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SALPA fasciata, postice aculeata.

SALPA punctata, fasciata, aculeis pone octo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3129.

Forsk. Fn. Aegypt. Arab. p. 113. n. 32.

Natat, ut plurimum, hæc species nullo certo tramite, agmine quaquaversum confuso, sine ullo duce aut consilio; quam ob causam conjicio Dominum Forskal, qui forsân primus eam descripsit *democraticam* nominasse. Salpæ fere omnes in mari mediterraneo nascuntur, democratica autem præcipue in mari rubro.



THE
DEMOCRATIC SALPA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body tubular, nayant, gelatinous, open at each extremity, furnished with an oblique intestine.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

FASCIATED SALPA, aculeated behind.

The species of Salpa here represented is generally seen in large groupes or multitudes, swimming confusedly in all directions, without any leader, plan or order; for which reason Mr. Forskall, its first describer, seems to have applied to it the title by which it is at present distinguished. Almost all the Salpæ are natives of the Mediterranean, but this is principally found in the red sea.